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# 封神演義

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Volume 23 -  
*To a sign-less road...*

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NATAKO

な た く  
哪 吒



YOUZEN

よ う ぜ ん  
楊 戩



NENTOU  
DOUSIN

ね ん と う ど う し ん  
燃 燈 道 人

CHA-  
RAC-  
TERS  
AND  
VEHI-  
CLES



BUKICHI

ぶ き ち  
武 吉



スー プー シャン

四 不 象

SUUPUUSHAN



TAI-  
KOU-  
BOU  
(FUKKI)

太 公 望 ( 伏 義 )  
たい こう ぼう  
ふ ぎ



## RATTI'S RANTING SPACE

So this is it. The final volume of our beloved manga series Houshin Engi, where everything gets resolved (I hope). Because I don't wanna spoil the ending for me before I get the chance to reread the entire manga, chapter 197 will be my last contribution to the work on this manga. So this is not yet the end for me, but right now I get the chance to talk and you should know that I love to do that.

The past months and the work on this project have truly been great. I've grown to love the weird characters and Fujisaki's style of humor and I'm not quite sure yet how life without Tsikoubou's "Nooooooooo!" attacks is going to be. I guess we shall all find out soon. I will still say some words at the end of chapter 197, and of course at the end of the last chapter, as Karthon promised to add my notes to that chapter. Right now I feel really weird. Should I be happy that we're almost done? Or should I feel like crying. I guess it's hard for you to understand that, but a LOT of effort went into this project, from me and from others and it's accompanied me for a not-so-small part of my life. I trust that everything will be well and I hope that we'll meet each other in another ranting space again, may it be for Yakitate!! Japan or a whole new series. We've got things planned and hopefully this won't remain the only Fujisaki manga at SnoopyCool. Have Fun & Good Bye

-Ratti

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Story 196

# Great Mother ②

- Body -











HE?



IT'S  
NOT  
JUST  
ME

HE'S  
GOTTEN  
STRON-  
GER,  
TOO



FUU  
!!!



UGA  
AAA  
AAA  
AAH  
!!!

-BUT  
HIS CHAR-  
ACTER IS  
THE  
SAME?



NICE!!

IT'S  
EVEN  
BETTER  
THAN  
BUNCHUU  
!!

BECAUSE  
WE WENT  
THROUGH  
HELL IN  
YEARS OF  
TRAINING

BECAUSE EVERYONE'S GOTTEN STRONGER, I CAN'T JUST SIT AROUND IDLY

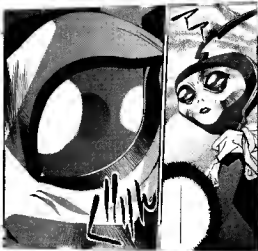
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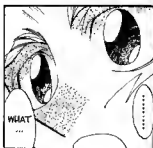
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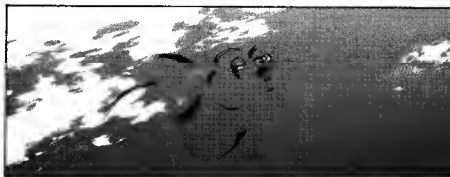
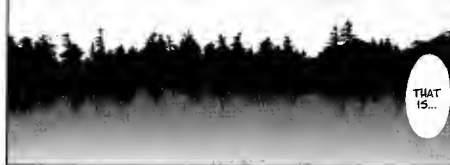
WELL WELL ...



















LOOK AT  
YOUR  
BACK!!!

BACK  
...?



TH... THIS  
IS  
JYOKA'S  
BODY!?



DON'T  
GO ANY  
CLOSER  
!!!

WAIT,  
TAKOU-  
BOU!!



IT'S THE  
MAIN  
BODY OF  
JYOKA'S  
SOUL  
!!!

AHHH  
IT  
ESCA-  
PED!!!



GEH  
!!!

Hohoho  
hohohoho  
!!!



If I get in my  
bed, nothin'  
will hurt me  
from outside!!!

I'll disperse  
for now!!











Story 197

# Great Mother ③

- Dakki-chan's secret -



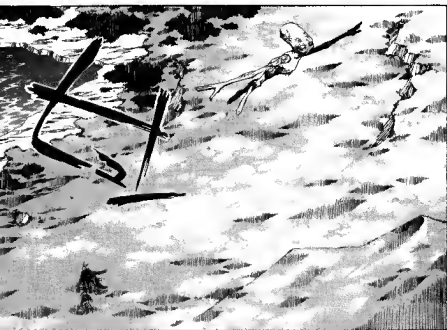


SUCH A  
FOOLISH  
THING

WHAT DO  
YOU INTEND  
TO DO,  
DAKKI?



POSSESSING  
SYOKA'S BODY  
AND USURPING  
HER POWER.  
WHAT ARE YOU  
GOING TO DO  
WITH THAT!?



I'm willing  
to teach  
you every-  
thing in  
the end  
♡

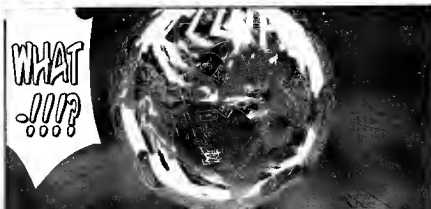


WAIT!!  
WHERE ARE  
YOU  
GOING!!!



Follow me,  
Taikoubou-  
chan ♡

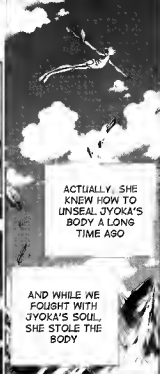






TO TAKE  
OVER THE  
BODY...

IS POS-  
SIBLE?



ACTUALLY, SHE  
KNEW HOW TO  
UNSEAL JYOKA'S  
BODY A LONG  
TIME AGO



SHE ALREADY  
KNEW THE  
"FORM BOR-  
ROWING SPELL"  
TO BEGIN WITH

AND WHILE WE  
FOUGHT WITH  
JYOKA'S SOUL,  
SHE STOLE THE  
BODY



HER BODY  
NOW IS  
SIMPLY THAT  
OF THE  
DAUGHTER OF  
XI ZHOU

WITH THAT SPELL,  
SHE WOULD  
SOMETIMES  
STEAL A HUMAN'S  
BODY AND LIVE A  
GORGEOUS LIFE



AND WITH  
THAT SAME  
METHOD,  
THIS TIME  
SHE TOOK  
JYOKA'S  
BODY...



EARTH







AT THE VERY  
LEAST, I KNEW  
YOU HAD NO CARE  
ABOUT THE HUMAN  
WORLD OR  
THE SENNIN  
WORLD

WE WERE  
SIMPLY  
WAYS TO  
ENTERTAIN  
YOURSELF,  
RIGHT?

DO YOU KNOW  
WHERE  
MY TRUE  
OBJECTIVE  
IS?

HEY,  
TAKOU-  
BOU-  
CHAN  
♡



AND THAT IS  
TO BECOME  
THE TRUE  
CONQUEROR  
OF THIS  
STAR...

THAT'S  
RIGHT  
♡

MY ONE  
TRUE AIM  
WAS IN A  
HIGHER  
PLACE  
♡



A  
LONG  
TIME  
AGO

BEFORE I MET  
JYOKA, ALL I  
WANTED WAS  
POWER...



AND ONCE,  
I MET  
JYOKA...



AT FIRST,  
I THOUGHT,  
"I'LL MAKE THIS  
ONE'S POWER  
MY OWN"  
♡

FOR AN  
AMBITIOUS  
PERSON LIKE ME,  
THAT'S QUITE A  
STEP UP, DON'T  
YOU THINK?



DRIVEN BY THE  
DESIRE TO  
CONQUER THE  
SENNIN WORLD  
AND THE  
HUMAN WORLD

I WANTED  
TO LIVE A  
GORGEOUS  
LIFESTYLE  
AND TRAINED  
MYSELF ♡



BUT ONE DAY...  
ROUGHLY 100  
YEARS AFTER  
JOINING HANDS  
WITH JYOKA...



PIO-  
NEERS?



THEIR  
EXISTENCE  
WAS QUITE  
AN ASTON-  
ISHMENT TO  
ME ♡



INSTEAD  
JOINING  
WITH THE  
EARTH...  
THE PEOPLE  
WHO GAINED  
ETERNITY

HAVING  
ENORMOUS  
POWER AND  
NOT USING  
IT



PIO-  
NEERS...  
THE  
FIRST  
PEOPLE  
...

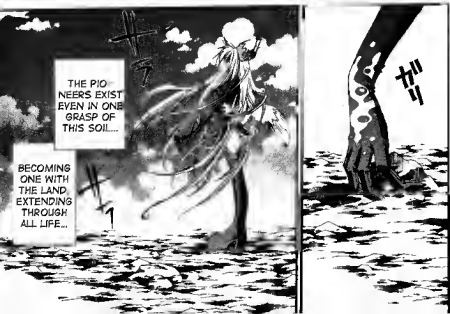
MY CONVICTIONS  
CRUMBLED...

COMPARED TO  
WHAT THE  
PIONEERS DID,  
MY IDEALS ARE  
SO TRIFLING!?

WAS WHAT I  
WANTED TO DO  
REALLY THAT  
CHEAP!?

THE PIONEERS EXIST  
EVEN IN ONE  
GRASP OF  
THIS SOIL...

BECOMING  
ONE WITH  
THE LAND,  
EXTENDING  
THROUGH  
ALL LIFE...





THEY COULD  
EXIST IN  
EVERYTHING

IN THE  
EARTH,  
IN THE  
WATER,  
IN THE  
WIND,  
IN THE  
PEOPLE



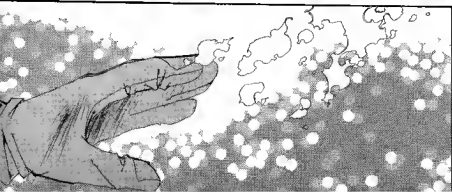
THEN I  
JOINING IN  
HER STEAD  
IS NOTHING  
STRANGE,  
RIGHT?

JYOKA WAS  
ORIGINALLY  
SUPPOSED TO  
JOIN WITH THIS  
STAR ANY-  
WAYS ♡



THAT IS  
YOUR  
ANSWER?











So this was it, my Final Houshin Engi chapter.  
You've still got 7 left to read, so be happy.

=(<

I don't want it to end... but there's not much  
I can do now, right...

So, have Fun-  
Ratti

# Great Mother 4

## - Quiet Movement -



NOTE: THIS IS ABSOLUTELY GROSS





第198回

# *Great Mother 4*

*- Quiet Movement -*









STATIC ELECTRICITY







SHINKOU-  
HYOU!  
SOME-  
THING'S  
THERE!!

IT'S  
COMING!!



WHAT  
ARE YOU  
STANDING  
DAZED FOR,  
YOUZEN!



AS I  
THOU-  
GHT...

THEN...

FUFUFU-  
FUFUFUFU  
CAN YOU FEEL  
HER TOO,  
KOKUTENKO?

GUARD  
YOURSELF!!!

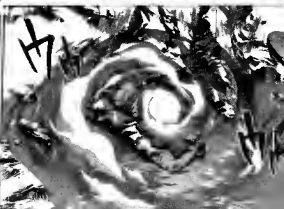
THE  
POWERFUL  
EXISTENCE  
THAT  
ENGULFS  
YOU!!!

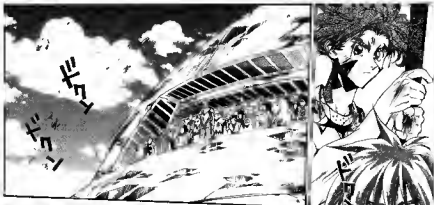


THE  
SMALL BITS  
OF JYOKA'S  
BODY ARE  
BEGINNING  
TO JOIN...



TOP OF  
KONERONG











THIS IS TOO...



ISN'T THIS IMPOSSIBLE...

BUM!!!



THINK OF  
YOUR HANDS  
HOLDING  
THE KEY TO  
DEFEAT!!!

IT'S OUR  
DEFEAT IF  
WE FOLD!!!



HOW-  
EVER!!!



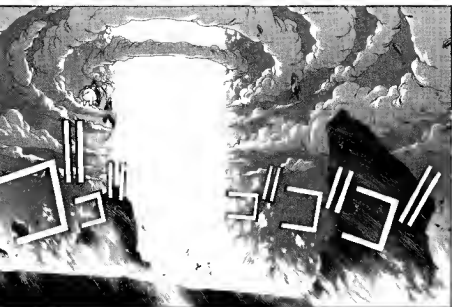
IN THIS  
CASE, IT'S NOT  
ABOUT WINNING  
OR LOSING

BUT  
ABOUT HOW  
MUCH OF THE  
EARTH IS  
DESTROYED













I have no  
need for you  
anymore



THAT IS THE  
TRUE SYOKA!!!

BEAU-  
TIFUL!!



SYOKA...

I will destroy  
this star  
quickly and find  
another one

SO YOU'VE  
FINALLY MANAGED  
TO GET YOUR  
HANDS ON  
YOUR BODY...



第19回

# Great Mother 5 - Absorption -

AH...

WAIT,  
SYOKA!!!

第2回



DAMN!!!



第199回

# *Great Mother 5*

## *- Absorption -*



CHOLKA



BUO, BE CAREFUL OF  
THE WOUND  
IN YOUR STOMACH

PLEASE  
REST!!



THE NORTH-  
WESTERN  
SKIES ARE  
BURNING .

TAIKOUBOU,  
YOU'VE DONE  
IT THIS TIME



TAIKOUBOU-  
SAN HAS  
WHAT  
TAIKOUBOU-  
SAN NEEDS  
TO DO

AND YOU  
HAVE WHAT  
YOU MUST  
DO



BUT I NEED  
TO PREVENT THE  
POPULACE FROM  
FEELING ANXIOUS

I KNOW





SOMETHING  
LIKE THIS...

TV



I KNOW,  
SHEESH

THERE'S  
NO HELPING  
IT, THEN...

I DIDN'T  
WANT  
TO DO  
THIS..



YOU WERE  
WILLING TO  
ALLOW  
SOMETHING  
LIKE THIS!!

OU  
EKI!!







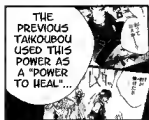


NORMAL  
PAOPEI USE THE  
USER'S STRENGTH  
AND MAKE  
MIRACLES OCCUR  
THE TAIKYOKUZU IS  
THE OPPOSITE...

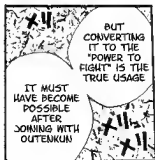
THE  
TAIKYO-  
KUZU IS  
THE ANTI-  
PAOPEI



THUS  
...



THE  
PREVIOUS  
TAIKOUBOU  
USED THIS  
POWER AS  
A "POWER  
TO HEAL"...



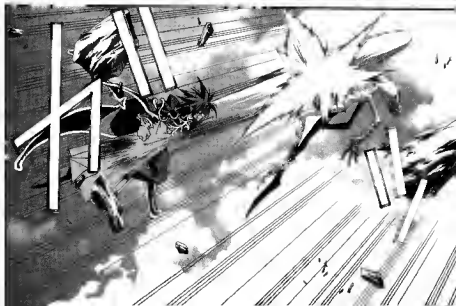
BUT  
CONVERTING  
IT TO THE  
"POWER TO  
FIGHT" IS THE  
TRUE USAGE

IT MUST  
HAVE BECOME  
POSSIBLE  
AFTER  
JOINING WITH  
OUTENKUN

IT SUCKS OUT  
THE ABILITY  
TO FIGHT FROM  
OTHER PAOPEI









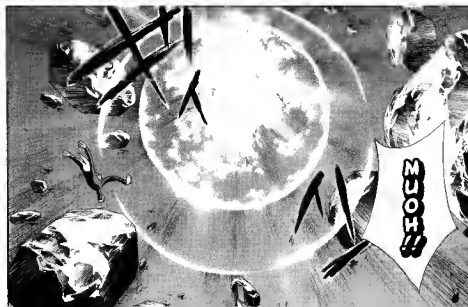














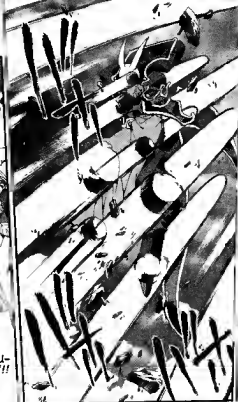


第200回

*Houshindai Open!!*









HA A A H !!

So you  
can still  
regen-  
erate  
...!!!



Fuh!!





WELL  
TRUTH-  
FULLY  
HE'S IN NO  
POSITION  
TO FIGHT  
CONSER-  
VATIVELY



CAN'T YOU  
FIGHT A BIT  
LESS RECK-  
LESSLY-!!!

-UH,  
TAKOU-  
BOU,  
YOU



IT SEEMS  
THAT WITHOUT  
GOING THAT  
FAR, THERE IS  
NO WAY OF  
DEFEATING  
JYOKA

EACH HIT  
TAKOUBOU  
DOES HAS  
THE POWER  
OF THE  
RAIKOUBEN



WHAT IF  
ALL OF OUR  
STRENGTH  
IS DRAINED  
AND HE STILL  
CAN'T WIN...?



B...  
BUT...

I DON'T  
WANT TO  
THINK ABOUT  
THIS, BUT...









AT THIS  
RATE...

JYOKA DOES  
NOT INTEND  
TO GIVE HIM  
ANY TIME TO  
REGEN-  
ERATE!!!

THIS  
IS  
BAD...





DON'T  
GIVE  
UP, BOU-  
CHAN!!!

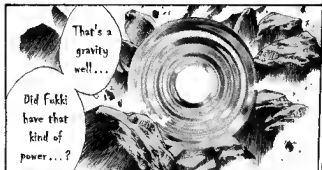
... I'M  
GOING TO  
VANISH!!!







My attacks  
aren't going  
through!!!



That's a  
gravity  
well...

Did Fukki  
have that  
kind of  
power...?



No, that's  
wrong!!!

That's  
...!!!



...  
FUGEN  
...







YO,  
NATAKU-  
KUN!!!



WHAT  
THE HELL  
ARE YOU!!

STOP  
FOLLOWING  
ME!!!

I SEE  
YOU'VE  
TAKEN  
CARE  
OF MY  
PEOPLE!!!



SHE-  
ESH

COULDN'T  
YOU HAVE  
DONE THAT  
EARLIER



WAAAAA-  
AAAAH!!!



IYA

EVERYONE'S  
A GHOST!!!









WE'LL BE  
LENDING  
YOU SOME  
POWER, TOO!!



WITH  
THIS MUCH,  
EVEN A  
CLUMSY  
FOOL LIKE  
YOU CAN  
WIN,  
RIGHT!?





OF  
COURSE!!!









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*Story 201*

# *To a sign-less road... Up*

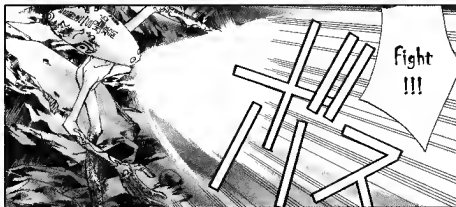
Ratti: Looks like I was a little too early with saying goodbye. So until the End, then!









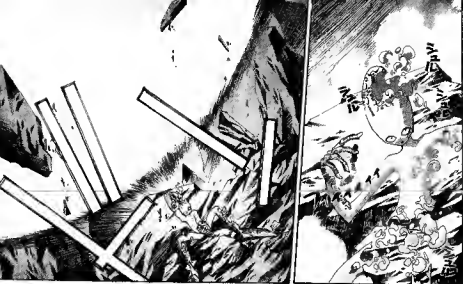






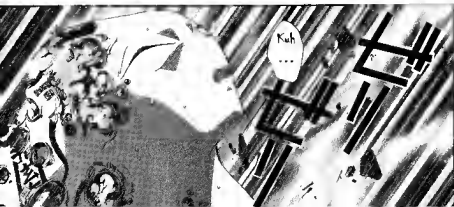
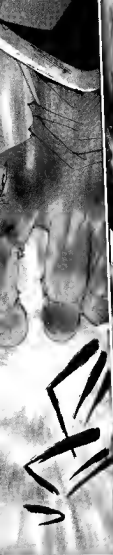




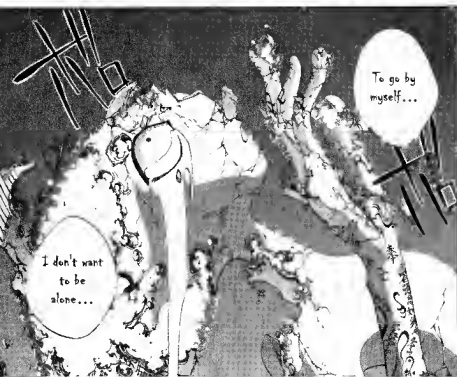




















Story 202

*To a sign-less road...*



THIS  
ILLUMINATION  
IS PROBABLY  
THE LAST  
OF JYOKA'S  
LIFE!!



LAST  
...

PERHAPS SHE  
WANTED TO  
TAKE TAL-  
KOUBOU  
SUKSU WITH  
HER!?



WH...  
WHAT  
IS  
THIS!?

IT'S  
NOT AN  
EXPLO-  
SION...  
IT'S A  
CLUMP OF  
HUGE  
ENERGY





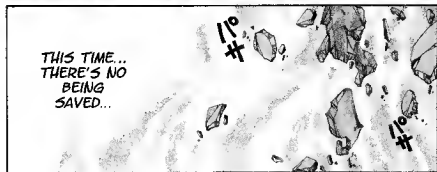
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Story 202

To a sign-less road... Down









I SIMPLY DID NOT LIKE THE THOUGHT OF YOU MANIPULATING THIS STAR

I'LL SAY IT OVER AND OVER AGAIN, I AM PAINED TO FIND SUCH FEELINGS OF JUSTICE ATTRIBUTED TO ME



THAT IS ALL, IS IT NOT?



AND SO I FOUGHT ALONGSIDE THOSE WHO FELT THE SAME



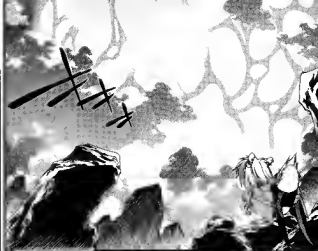
Your sin is that you revealed my existence, thus bringing the fires of war to them!!

-but! If they did not know they were being manipulated, something like this would never have happened!!



Despite wishing for freedom, they also fear freedom, that is the nature of those here

furthermore, those on this star did not mind their control being confiscated

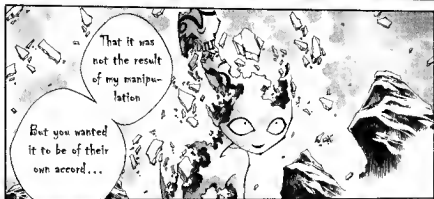








But more importantly  
the feelings  
of your com-  
rades...

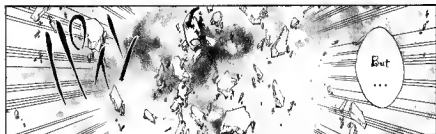


That it was  
not the result  
of my manipu-  
lation

But you wanted  
it to be of their  
own accord...



That's what  
you must  
have felt





YOU ALL  
SHOULD BE  
FINE EVEN  
WITHOUT  
ME



*But...*



*Are you really ok with that?*







A  
T  
T  
A  
C  
K...

Taikoubou-chan...

AND  
SO...



THE LIGHT  
JYOKA PUT UP  
CLEARED AWAY,  
AND ALL THAT  
REMAINED WAS  
THE SENDOU...









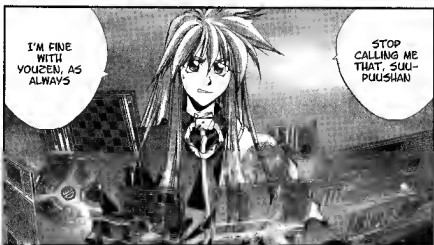
THAT  
WOULD BE  
ROOTED IN  
THIS STAR'S  
HISTORY AS  
THE END OF  
THE ERA OF  
THE LEGEND  
OF GODS

THE SIGN-  
POST OF  
HISTORY,  
JYOKA,  
WAS ELIMI-  
NATED, AND  
THEIR FIGHT  
WAS OVER



ROUGHLY 1  
MONTH LATER  
HOURAI  
ISLAND

Story 203:  
*Clean-up Up*





TO THE  
HUMAN  
WORLD?

WHY  
DO YOU  
WANT  
TO GO  
THERE  
AGAIN?



SO JUST  
YOUZEN  
IS FINE  
-SU?

WE NEED  
YOUR PERMIS-  
SION TO  
LEAVE  
BECAUSE WE  
WANT TO GO  
TO THE  
HUMAN WORLD  
FOR A LITTLE  
WHILE



WE'RE GOING  
TO TELL  
BUOU-SAN OF  
OUR CURRENT  
SITUATION  
-SU...

YOU ARE  
BUSY WITH  
MAKING THIS  
HOURAI ISLAND  
INTO THE NEW  
SENNIN WORLD...  
BESIDES, WE  
STILL HAVE TO  
GIVE THEM A  
REPORT -SU.



THANK  
YOU  
VERY  
MUCH  
-SU!



IF YOU GO,  
IT WOULD  
BE VERY  
HELPFUL

IS THAT SO?  
I JUST  
THOUGHT  
ABOUT THE  
SAME THING  
AS WELL



WELL  
THEN,  
PLEASE  
TAKE THIS

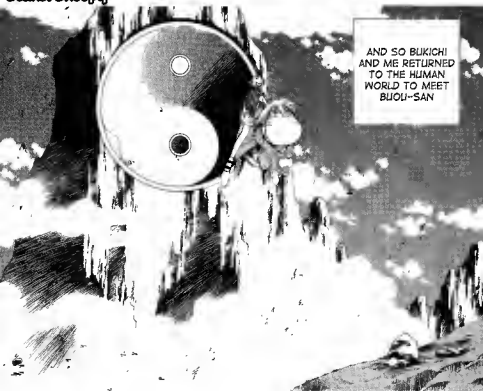
YOUR  
LEAVING  
PERMIS-  
SION

大マヤ  
証の  
手形

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AND SO BUKICHI  
AND ME RETURNED  
TO THE HUMAN  
WORLD TO MEET  
BUOU-SAN

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# *Clean-up Up*



THANKS  
FOR THE  
PATROL  
-SU!!!

OH,  
SUU-  
PUU!!



AHH!!!



IT'S  
RAISHINSHI-  
SAN AND  
NATAKU-SAN  
AND  
TENSHOU-  
SAN!!

YOU'RE  
RIGHT  
-SU!!



EVEN IF THEY'RE  
THE SAME  
SENDOU, HUMANS  
AND YOUKAI ARE  
ON UNFRIENDLY  
TERMS SO IT'S  
RIDICULOUS!!!

SHEESH,  
YOUZEN'S SO  
DEMANDING, WE  
THE PATROL  
DIVISION ARE  
SO BUSY!!



Gyaa  
aaah  
!!!



MM!

STOP  
IT!!!

HEY HEY  
YOU ALL  
STOP  
IT!!

IN THE SENNIN  
WORLD NOW, THE  
HALF-YOUKAI HALF-  
HUMAN YUJIZEN-SAN  
WAS NAMED KYOUSHU  
(HEADMASTER)...  
BELOW HIM, NENTOU-  
SAN REPRESENTS THE  
HUMANS AND CHOUKEI  
REPRESENTS THE  
YOUKAI, IT'S A STRICT  
SYSTEM -SU

THERE ARE STILL  
A LOT OF PROB-  
LEMS -SU, BUT  
THE SENNIN  
WORLD IS  
QUICKLY  
BECOMING  
BETTER -SU

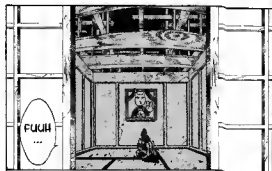
OH YEAH, OU  
KIJIN-SAN WAS  
MYSTERIOUSLY  
RESURRECTED  
FROM A LUTE  
AFTER DAKKI-SAN  
VANISHED -SU

I  
WONDER  
IF IT'S  
DAKKI-  
SAN'S  
POWER  
-SU?

HMPH!

KIBI-SAN!  
OU  
KIJIN-  
SAN!

Suuuuu-  
chaaaaan  
☆







Uh...



I HAVE  
DECIDED TO  
LIVE MY LIFE  
AS A WIDOW  
AND REMEM-  
BER YOU  
ALWAYS...

THERE WILL  
BE NO DAY  
WHERE I DO  
NOT WET MY  
SLEEVES



TAI-  
KOU-  
BOU-  
SAMA...

太



MADON-  
NA, ARE  
YOU OK?

IT SEEMS  
THERE WAS  
AN OIS7 IN  
YESTERDAY'S  
SASHIMI...



Oeh~  
NNNN



C...  
COULD  
IT BE  
...

HIS  
CHILD  
...!!?

WE'RE  
GOING IN  
THE WARP  
ZONE -SU,  
BUKICHI-  
KUN!!!



OK  
!!!





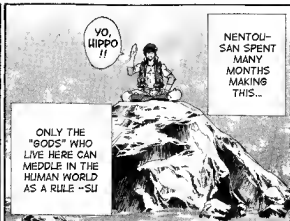


IT'S THE GOD  
WORLD MADE  
INSIDE THE WARP  
ZONE -SU

IT'S A PLACE THAT  
CONNECTS THE  
HUMAN WORLD AND  
SENNIN WORLD  
WHERE SOUL FORM  
PEOPLE CAN LIVE  
-U



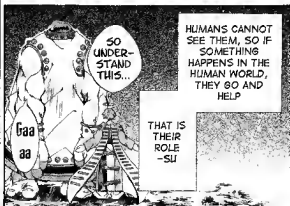
THOSE IN THE  
SENNIN WORLD  
ARE SUPPOSED TO  
COME HERE AT  
SOME POINT  
-SU



YO,  
HIPPO  
!!

NENTOU-  
SAN SPENT  
MANY  
MONTHS  
MAKING  
THIS...

ONLY THE  
"GODS" WHO  
LIVE HERE CAN  
MEDDLE IN THE  
HUMAN WORLD  
AS A RULE -SU



SO  
UNDER-  
STAND  
THIS...

HUMANS CANNOT  
SEE THEM, SO IF  
SOMETHING  
HAPPENS IN THE  
HUMAN WORLD,  
THEY GO AND  
HELP

THAT IS  
THEIR  
ROLE  
-SU

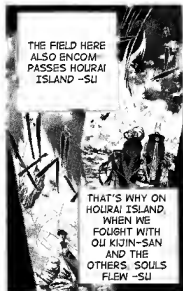
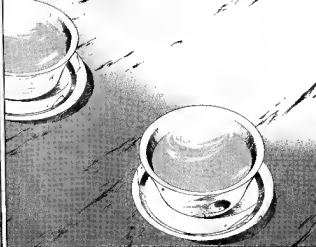
OOH YOU  
THO,  
THANKS  
FOR  
COMING...

WARP



I SEE

SO  
YOU'RE  
GOING  
TO  
BUOU'S  
PLACE



THE FIELD HERE  
ALSO ENCOM-  
PASSES HOURAI  
ISLAND -SU

THAT'S WHY ON  
HOURAI ISLAND  
WHEN WE  
FOUGHT WITH  
OU KIJIN-SAN  
AND THE  
OTHERS, SOULS  
FLEW -SU



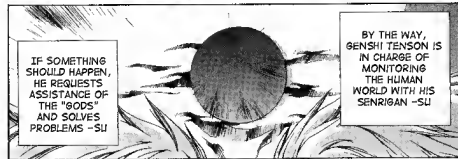
-SO HOW  
IS THE  
GOD  
WORLD?

IS IT  
WORKING  
PROP-  
ERLY-  
SU?



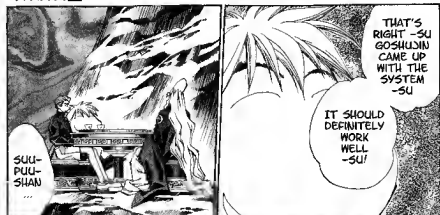
OF  
COUR-  
SE

TAIKOU-  
BOU  
THOUGHT  
OF IT AND  
NENTOU  
MADE IT!!



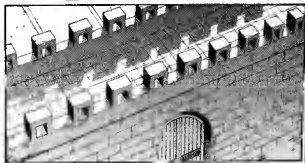
IF SOMETHING  
SHOULD HAPPEN,  
HE REQUESTS  
ASSISTANCE OF  
THE "GODS"  
AND SOLVES  
PROBLEMS -SU

BY THE WAY,  
GENSHI TENSION IS  
IN CHARGE OF  
MONITORING  
THE HUMAN  
WORLD WITH HIS  
SENRIKAN -SU









EVERY-  
WHERE I  
LOOK I HAVE-  
ALREADY  
FLOWN  
AROUND WITH  
GOSHUJIN.



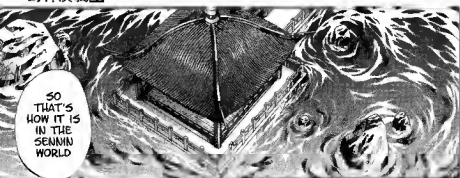
CHOLKA



SUU-  
PUUGHAN!  
BUKICHI-  
CHAN!!



EVERYONE,  
IT'S BEEN  
A WHILE  
-SU!!!



SO  
THAT'S  
HOW IT IS  
IN THE  
SENNIN  
WORLD



GO-  
SHU-  
JIN  
...



WELL, I  
GUESS  
WE'RE STILL  
SETTLED IN  
CHOUKA FOR  
NOW

WE'RE  
CLOSE TO  
BEING DONE  
WITH THE  
PREPARATIONS  
TO OFFICIAL-  
LY PICK A  
CAPITAL



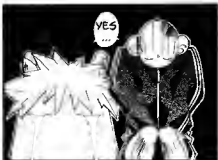
AH...



SO HOW'S  
THAT  
FOOL  
TAKOU-  
BOU  
DOING?

THAT PERSON  
PROBABLY IS  
SLACKING OFF  
SOMEWHERE  
BECAUSE  
EVERYTHING  
IS DONE!!





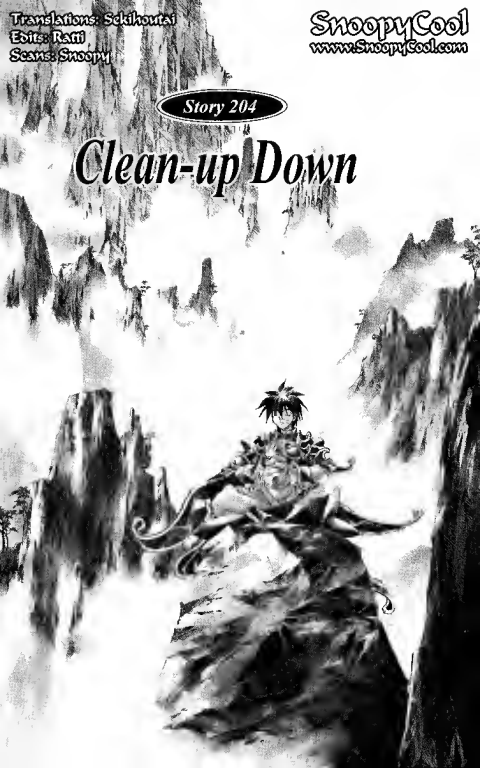


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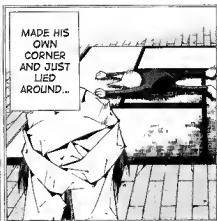
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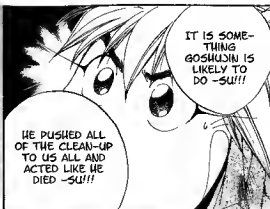


**GOSHU-  
JIN IS  
ALIVE  
...!!?**











THIS FER-  
TILIZATION  
MEDICINE  
WORKS  
WELL ON  
PEACH  
TREES!!!



AWE-  
SOME  
!!!

HAHAHA  
HAHA  
HAHA  
HAH!!!



OH...



OOOH  
!!!

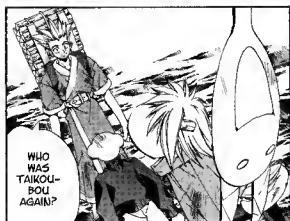


LOOK!!











HAA...



SHALL WE  
RETURN  
TO THE  
SENNIN  
WORLD?



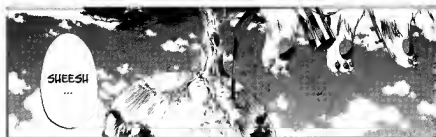
WE CAN'T  
FIND HIM  
-SU...



YOU'RE  
RIGHT  
-SU...  
WE'LL BUG  
YOUZEN-  
SAN TO  
LOOK FOR  
HIM -SU...





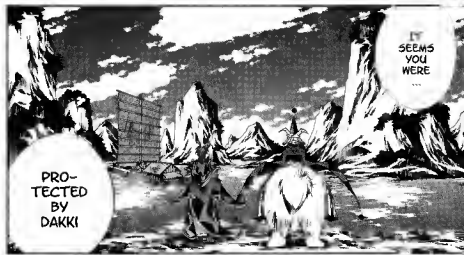




YES  
...



BY DAKKI,  
WHO HAS  
BECOME  
THIS  
STAR!!



IT  
SEEMS  
YOU  
WERE  
...

PRO-  
TECTED  
BY  
DAKKI



I'M  
JUST  
WANDER-  
ING  
AROUND



WHAT ARE  
YOU GOING  
TO DO FROM  
NOW ON?

-50?



IS  
THAT  
SO



ACTUALLY  
THIS IS  
WHERE YOU  
AND I FIRST  
FOUGHT

THAT'S  
RIGHT, DO  
YOU  
REMEM-  
BER, TAI-  
KOUBOU?









WHERE  
SHOULD I  
GO-

WELL  
THEN  
...





AS FOR THE BUOU, HE  
WOULD DIE ROUGHLY  
TWO YEARS LATER

FOR RULER-SHIP, BUOU AND  
YUUKYOU'S CHILD, SEIOU  
SHOU CONTINUED THE LINE  
AND, SHUUKOU TAN BECAME  
THE CHIEF ADVISOR

ACCORDING TO  
HISTORY, AFTER THIS,  
TAKOUBOU WOULD GO  
TO PRESENT-DAY  
CHINA'S SANTOUSHOU,  
FORMED A KINGDOM,  
AND RULED THERE

BUT WHAT CONTINUES  
IN THIS MANGA IS NOT  
NECESSARILY THE SAME AS  
THE REAL HISTORY

BECAUSE THE  
SIGNPOST IS NO  
MORE



Where's the cliff Now??

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WELL, THIS IS  
THE END TO  
HOUSHIN ENGI,  
WHICH WENT  
FOR FOUR AND  
A HALF YEARS

I HONESTLY  
THANK YOU  
FOR LOVING ME  
THE WHOLE  
TIME

NOBODY  
CAN STOP  
LAZINESS  
LIFESTYLE

STARTING  
NOW, FUDISAKI  
WILL ENTER A  
DREAM-LIKE  
LIFESTYLE OF  
LAZINESS

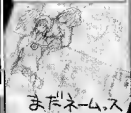


YOU WILL NOW HAVE TO DO THE DRAWINGS FOR THE PS PORT OF THE WS HOUSHIN GAME!!!

THAT'S RIGHT



BY THE TIME THIS BOOK IS COMPLETED, IT SHOULD ALREADY BE DONE. BUT I AM WRITING A SAIDEN ENDING TO HOUSHIN ENG!



-AND SO, LIKE THIS, FUJISAKI PLANS TO PLOD ALONG WITH HIS WORK

LET US MEET AGAIN SOMEWHERE SOMEDAY

THIS IS GOING INTO A SHORT STORY COLLECTION LATER, SO THOSE WHO ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE

I remember way back when in the heydays of SC, a relatively new member of the Forum started posting, using nyo at the end and waving around his Raikouben. None of us, of course, really knew what he meant. I think his avatar was that of a red-haired Fire Emblem character, and his name was, and still is, Shadow\_Nataku... at least on the SC Forums, that is. In time, others like Tsuki would find the source of the Raikouben, although scanlations had only reached volume 6 at that point. I was hooked. At least a year later, with the completion of several projects, I was bored and bugged snoop (along with ratti, shadow and perhaps a few others) into starting up Houshin Engi as a project... and actually getting to the end, barring a licensing. It took a long while for it to come to fruition (the starting of the project, that is), but it eventually did, and I eagerly took control of the project and pumped out... 3 chapters. Then, beset by work, I vanished, both from this project as well as almost everything else. When I came back, we were at the end of volume 8, tragically where nothing was actually happening. 15 volumes later (slow, I know, again because of busy-ness), we've finally reached the end, fulfilling the vow to complete Houshin Engi once and for all. I don't think a lot of manga touch me like Houshin Engi does (I have almost the entire series in Tankoubon form), because when it wants you to cry, you most definitely do. It has its share of cheesiness and bad chapters, but as a whole I think it's one of my favorite manga. It's also quite detailed- as you read the latter half of the series, you can pick up small references to lines spoken in the earlier volumes (they explain why Genshi Tenson cannot finish the project on his own, as he claimed it would "end the manga too quickly" if he did in chapter 1, for example). The characters, especially the main character, is extremely likeable... in fact, all of the opponents are so great that when they fall, you feel really empty for them.

I know I didn't work on the series as much as I would have liked to, and I went aggravatingly slowly when I did take over the series again, but here we are. Much thanks to the editors (Ratti and Karthon) for bearing with me in the end. I wish I knew who worked on the chapters while I was gone (I know snoop filled in with translations... at least most of them, but he gets thanks for everything anyways :D), but I thank them all anyways. Muchas gracias to the scanners, although we did cycle through them a lot (Kibi, Recca, snoop, maybe I'm missing some others). Hope you all enjoyed the manga as much as I do.

Sekihoutai

# *And thus the story ends...*

This was Houshin Engi by Ryuu Fujisaki. I hope you enjoyed the manga as much as we did. If you still don't have enough of his works you might want to check out Sakuratetsu Taiwahan or his one-shot collection Dramatic Irony which have been scanlated elsewhere.

The time spent on this manga has been very fun and it is a great moment to be finally at the end, even if it took us a little longer than expected. Once again my biggest thanks to everyone involved in this project, I love you all xD

Good Bye,  
Ratti



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